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This Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action ("Amendment") is filed in response to the non-final Office action, dated August 26, 2005. A three-month period for response was set by the Office action. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for response; thus, this Amendment is timely filed on or before Monday, February 27, 2006. A three-month extension fee accompanies this filing.

Please amend the specification as set forth on page 2.

Please amend the claims as set forth beginning on page 3.

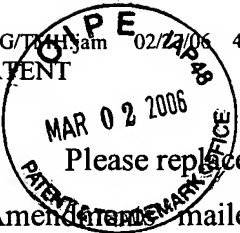
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 Please replace the paragraph that was added "before the first paragraph on page 1" in the "Amendment" mailed to the Office via Express Mail on August 25, 2003, with the following rewritten paragraph and newly added heading:

REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of ~~serial no~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 09/275,900, filed March 24, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,596,848, issued July 22, 2003, which is a divisional of ~~serial no~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 09/066,074, filed April 24, 1998, now U.S. ~~patent~~ no Patent No. 5,952,467, issued September 14, 1999, which is a divisional of ~~serial no~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 08/555,912, filed November 13, 1995, now ~~patent no~~ U.S. Patent No. 5,972,697, issued October 26, 1999.